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**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**April 26, 2011  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**In Attendance:**

Abrishami, Lori

LACMTA

**SCAG**

Asuncion, John

Luo, Rongsheng

Mann, Betty

Nadler, Jonathan

Sangkapichai, Mana

Sherwood, Arnie

**Via Teleconference:**

Alvarez, Grace

Brady, Mike

Cacatian, Ben

Crow, Jason

Drummonds, Eyvonne

Fagan, Paul

Gallo, Ilene

Hsiao, Kathy

Krebs, Cindy

Kuo, Ryan

Louka, Tony

Moore, Terry

O'Connor, Karina

Odufalu, Olufemi

Petry, Marie

Pourzand, Henry

Tax, Wienke

Walecka, Carla

Wu, Danny

Yoon, Andrew

RCTC

Caltrans Headquarters

VCAPCD

ARB

SCAQMD

Caltrans, District 8

Caltrans, District 11

SCAQMD

OCTA

SCAG

Caltrans, District 8

Dokken Engineering

EPA, Region 9

Caltrans, District 8

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Caltrans, District 7

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Lori Abrishami, LACMTA, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 TCWG March 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms**

1) RIV031209

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.  
(FHWA concurrence received via email before the meeting)

**4.2 FTIP Update**

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment #3 received federal approval on April 4, 2011.
- All 2011 FTIP Amendments and Modifications through #5 have received the necessary approvals.
- Amendment #6 was approved by state on April 25.
- Administrative Modification #7 was under analysis by SCAG staff.
- Amendment #8 is due to SCAG on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion stated that there won't be any modeling for Amendment #8. He confirmed that SCAG will process a consistency FTIP amendment concurrently with the 2012 RTP update.

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**4.3     RTP Update**

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Staff had begun to develop the performance measures and alternative frameworks for the 2012 RTP. An update was provided to the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC) two weeks ago. Staff continues to work with stakeholders to finalize the performance measures and alternative frameworks.
- Staff had received long-range projects for 2012 RTP from three CTCs and continued working with the other CTCs to solve special case issues. Mr. Kuo thanked all the CTCs for their hard work.
- Staff expects to solicit changes to FTIP projects and new FTIP projects that need to be modeled this summer for the FTIP Consistency Amendment.

**4.4     EPA Update**

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- The set-up for the MOVES version of the upcoming Quantitative PM Hot-Spot Analyses Course has been done. EPA continued to work with Caltrans on the EMFAC version of the course and expected the setup to be done later this year.
- EPA's Proposed Transportation Conformity Rule Restructuring Amendments, published last year, is expected to be finalized in August or September.
- EPA staff continued to review the South Coast PM2.5 Plan Revision that ARB posted for public comments. EPA had sent additional questions to and requested additional information from ARB.

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA plans to re-propose action on the South Coast PM2.5 Plan in the next couple months. The deadlines for final action are September 30, 2011 for PM2.5 Plan and December 15, 2011 for Ozone Plan.

**4.5     ARB Update**

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- The ARB Board would take action on the PM2.5 SIP revisions and progress report on April 28. Similar items for the Ozone SIP will go to the Board in June.

In response to questions, Mr. Crow stated that the revised PM2.5 package would be submitted to EPA after the Board action; ARB would respond to the additional questions and comments from EPA; and ARB staff continued working on the new EMFAC but there is not a definite release date.

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4.6    Air Districts Update

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported the following:

- The Draft 2011 Triennial Assessment and Plan Update is available at <http://vcapcd.org/>. The assessment shows that Ventura County is making significant progress towards meeting the state ozone standards. The public hearing will be held on June 14. More information can be found on the website.

Henry Pourzand, SCAQMD, provided an overview of the District's Amended *Rule 317 Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees*. The Rule is to address the South Coast portion of the EPA's final rule issued on January 5, 2010 finding that the State of California has failed to submit the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 185 Fee Program SIPs for three areas in the State including South Coast for the 1-hour Ozone national standards.

In respond to a question, Mr. Pourzand stated that the Rule had been submitted to EPA but no response has been received yet.

Eyvonne Drummonds and Kathy Hsiao, SCAQMD, sought TCWG guidance on whether the Colton Crossing Rail-to-Rail Grade Separation Project require transportation conformity.

Ms. O'Connor, EPA, responded that EPA has determined that the project is subject to general conformity but not transportation conformity.

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**5.0     INFORMATION SHARING**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, informed TCWG that SCAG General Assembly will be held at La Quinta Resort & Club on May 5-6.

On behalf of Aimee Kratovil, FHWA, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Michael Morris, the new FHWA Planner replacing Michelle Noch, will report to the FHWA Cal-South Office (formerly known as the LA Metro Office) on May 23rd.
- Butch Waidelich, former FHWA California Division Administrator, had been promoted to be Director of Field Services for the West.
- Robert Tally, a Division Administrator from Indiana, is temporarily filling in as the Division Administrator until the position is permanently filled. The recruitment process will likely take at least six months.

**6.0     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.